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FOR ROBERT HAGAN, IO/HS FOR JOHN TUMINARO

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SUBJECT: SWAZILAND LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER ON HUNGER AND
FOOD SECURITY INITIATIVES

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11. On October 30, Ambassador Irving and PolOff met with Acting Foreign Minister Clement Dlamini to reiterate food security initiatives delivered in ref A. Mr. Dlamini, the Ministry of Agriculture, indicated he will be attending the upcoming World Food Security Summit along with Prime Minister Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini, and the follow-on ministerial in Rome in November. He appreciated the U.S. discussing issues in advance of the event, and suggested our thinking might inform Swaziland's position. He apologized for Swaziland's absence from the 8th U.S.-Sub-Saharan Africa Trade and Economic Cooperation Forum in Kenya last August, and voiced the hope that that fact would not reflect poorly on the kingdom's focus on food security.

12. Minister Dlamini expressed his appreciation for past U.S. assistance in agriculture, and stated he hoped USAID could return to the levels of assistance it provided in the past to the country.

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